

PETITION FOR RENT CONTROL AT [Name of Trailer Park or Community]

To: [City Council / County Board / Housing Authority / Property Management]

From: The Residents of [Name of Trailer Home Community]

Subject: Request for Rent Control and Protection for Senior Citizens

We, the undersigned residents of [Name of Trailer Park], respectfully petition for the immediate consideration and implementation of rent control measures within our community.

Our community consists primarily of senior citizens, many of whom live on fixed incomes such as Social Security or retirement benefits. Recent rent increases have made it increasingly difficult for residents to afford their homes, placing many at risk of financial hardship, housing instability, or displacement.

Reasons for Requesting Rent Control:

1. Fixed Incomes: Most residents are retirees who cannot adjust their income to match rising costs.
2. Affordable Housing Crisis: Mobile and trailer home communities are among the last affordable housing options for seniors.
3. Community Stability: Sudden rent increases threaten the safety, stability, and well-being of long-term residents.
4. Health & Safety Concerns: Displacement may lead to homelessness or unsafe living conditions for elderly residents.
5. Fair Treatment: Residents deserve predictable and reasonable rent adjustments that reflect fair market practices and protect vulnerable populations.

We Request That:

1. A rent control ordinance be implemented to limit annual rent increases to a reasonable percentage (for example, no more than 3% per year).
2. Residents be given at least 90 days' notice before any rent increase or lease modification.
3. A resident advisory board be formed to work with management and local officials to ensure fair housing practices.
4. Protections be established against retaliation or eviction for residents participating in this petition.